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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-31 remain pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended by combining the subject matter of dependent claim 2 therein. Claims 2 and 32 have been cancelled. Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced by the above amendment.

Rejections Under § 112

Claims 1 and 3-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly not being fully enabled. Further claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

While applicants disagree with the Examiner's position, in as much as the chemistry disclosed in the instant application combined with the skill in the art does reasonably enable and provide a sufficiently definite meaning for a "reaction partner"; to expedite prosecution applicants have defined "reaction partner" with the definition set forth in original, unrejected claim 2. Accordingly, the § 112 rejections have been overcome by the above amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are requested.

Rejections Under § 102 and 103

Claim 32 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Dolitzky et al. Further claim 32 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being obvious over Takahashi et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

While not conceding the propriety of the Examiner's position, in order to expedite prosecution applicants have cancelled claim 32. Accordingly, the above amendment has rendered these rejections moot. Withdrawal of the rejections are requested.

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Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, all claims pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections and passing of the case to issue are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact applicants' representative, Mark R. Buscher (Reg. No. 35,006) at telephone number 703 753 5256.

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